

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An alkoxylate~~ A mixture comprising alkoxylates of the formula (I)



wherein the mixture comprises

70 to 99% by weight of alkoxylates A1 wherein C_5H_{11} is n- C_5H_{11} , and

1 to 30% by weight of alkoxylates A2 wherein C_5H_{11} is $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2$ and/or

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$,

~~where~~

wherein

A is ethyleneoxy,

B is C_{3-10} -alkyleneoxy or mixtures thereof,

where groups A and B may be present in random distribution, alternately or in the form of two or more blocks in any order,

n is a number from 0 to 30,

m is a number from 0 to 20, and

n + m is at least 1. ~~least 1~~

~~where~~

~~70 to 99% by weight of alkoxylates A1 in which C_5H_{11} has the meaning n- C_5H_{11} , and~~

~~1 to 30% by weight of alkoxylates A2 in which C_5H_{11} has the meaning~~

~~$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2$ and/or $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$,~~

~~are present in the mixture.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~An alkoxylate~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 1,
wherein C_3H_7 ~~has the meaning is~~ n-C₃H₇.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~An alkoxylate~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 1,
wherein claim 1 or 2, wherein, in the formula (I), B is propyleneoxy, n is a number from 1 to
20 and m is a number from 1 to 8.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~An alkoxylate~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 1, any
of claims 1 to 3, wherein the mixture comprises 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxylates A1 and 4
to 15% by weight of alkoxylates A2. A2 are present.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A process for the preparation of alkoxylate mixtures~~
preparing the mixture as claimed in claim 1, the process comprising: any of claims 1 to 4 by
reacting the an alcohol mixture with C₂₋₅-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation
conditions, wherein the alkoxylation may take place optionally in the presence of a double-
metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of alkoxylate mixtures~~ A method of
preparing a product, the method comprising: as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 as emulsifier,
foam regulator and as wetting agent for hard surfaces
preparing the mixture as claimed in claim 1 to obtain the product, wherein the product
is an emulsifier, a foam regulator or a wetting agent for hard surfaces..

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the
product is a detergent in detergents, a surfactant formulations formulation for the cleaning of

hard surfaces, a humectant, ~~humectants~~, a cosmetic formulation, a pharmaceutical formulation, and a crop protection formulation, a paint, ~~formulations~~, ~~paints~~, a coating composition, an adhesive, ~~compositions~~, ~~adhesives~~, a leather degreasing composition, ~~compositions~~, ~~formulations~~ a formulation for the textile industry, fiber processing, metalworking, food industry, water treatment, paper industry, fermentation or mineral processing ~~and in~~ or a product to be comprised in emulsion polymerizations.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A washing, cleaning, wetting, coating, adhesive, leather degreasing, humectant or textile-treatment composition or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation comprising the mixture as claimed in claim 1. ~~alkoxylate mixtures as defined in any of claims 1 to 4.~~

Claim 9 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein B is propyleneoxy, n is a number from 1 to 20 and m is a number from 1 to 8.

Claim 10 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein the mixture comprises 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxylates A1 and 4 to 15% by weight of alkoxylates A2.

Claim 11 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mixture comprises 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxylates A1 and 4 to 15% by weight of alkoxylates A2.

Claim 12 (New): A process for the preparation of the mixture as claimed in claim 2, the process comprising:

reacting an alcohol mixture with C₂₋₅-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions, optionally in the presence of a double-metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

Claim 13 (New): A process for the preparation of the mixture as claimed in claim 3, the process comprising:

reacting an alcohol mixture with C₂₋₅-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions, optionally in the presence of a double-metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

Claim 14 (New): A process for the preparation of the mixture as claimed in claim 4, the process comprising:

reacting an alcohol mixture with C₂₋₅-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions, optionally in the presence of a double-metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

Claim 15 (New): A method of preparing a product, the method comprising:
preparing the mixture as claimed in claim 2 to obtain the product, wherein the product is an emulsifier, a foam regulator or a wetting agent for hard surfaces.

Claim 16 (New): A method of preparing a product, the method comprising:
preparing the mixture as claimed in claim 3 to obtain the product, wherein the product is an emulsifier, a foam regulator or a wetting agent for hard surfaces.

Claim 17 (New): A method of preparing a product, the method comprising:
preparing the mixture as claimed in claim 4 to obtain the product, wherein the product is an emulsifier, a foam regulator or a wetting agent for hard surfaces.

Claim 18 (New): A washing, cleaning, wetting, coating, adhesive, leather degreasing, humectant or textile-treatment composition or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation comprising the mixture as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 19 (New): A washing, cleaning, wetting, coating, adhesive, leather degreasing, humectant or textile-treatment composition or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation comprising the mixture as claimed in claim 3.

Claim 20 (New): A washing, cleaning, wetting, coating, adhesive, leather degreasing, humectant or textile-treatment composition or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation comprising the mixture as claimed in claim 4.